Agreement with the officers of the State Bank of India

1170. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that due to iteent agreement the officers in the State Bank of India will get less pay than the clerks as reported in the "Indian Express" of 24th April, 1936: and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove thi.s anonaly?

• THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The pay revision Bank of India has noi yet been finalised. The question of any anomaly, therefore would not arise.

Payment of bogus commision by M|s. Sriram Fibres

1171. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Investigation Wing of the Income-Tax Department ha$ detected the payment of bogus commission to the tune of Rs. 3 crores by M|s. Stiraai Fibre.? during the assessment year IS>78-79 to 1982-83;

(b) whether the Investigation Wing asked the the assessing authority to launch penalty an<j prosecution proceedings against the firm:

(c) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes has issued instruction to the CIT (Central), Delhi vide letter No. 225'86'R5-IT-A-ll on the 31st March, 1986 to accept the '"< commission paid by Mjs. Sriram Fibres under diclosure scheme, cven though the case is not covered specifically under the Scheme; and

if so, what prompted the Chairman CBDT to issue specific instructions in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJAR1); (a) No, Sir. The disclosure was made by Mjs. Sriram Fibres before the detection by the Department in terms of the "amnesty" circulars.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. In the 'etter under reference, the Chairman, Central Boar Direct Taxes had only clarified the *W*& behind toe "amnesty ■ circv.'.ars.

i Question does not arise.

News' item captioned 'provident fund arrears of big business"

1172. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be | to stale:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Provident Fond arrears *c/t big* business" which appearej in the "Business Standard' of the 13th April, 1986 and

.!-i i if >o, what steps G ' eminent are taking to realise the arrearso toensuintributionof workers are not defaulted?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA I: (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Fmployees Provident I \u\\ au thorities have taken following action for

realisation of the outstanding amount of provident fund dies from defaulting establishments in West Bengal and to prevent future default on their part:—

1. *Unexempted establishments:*

Action taken against defaulter under Un-exempted Sector

	During 1984-85	From 1-4-85 to 31-12-85
1. Recovery Certificates issued	596	497
2. Prosecutions filed under Section 14 of the EPF and MP Act. .	1935	1663
3. Complaints filed under Sections 406 and 409 of IPC . . .	505	231

A special recovery cell with a Deputy Colki'torcum-Deputy Magistrate as Recovery Officer has been set up in West Bengal recently for speedy execution of recovery t er-tilicates issued by the Provident Fund at thorities.

II,, Kxempted establishments:—

(;\) Prosecutions under section 14 (i *K)* of the EPF Act and Complaints under section 406|409 IPC with the Police authorities iiave been filed against all estahlishrments listed in th^ News-item.

(b) wherever the High Court has granted liberal instalment facility to the employer for payment of outstanding dues, appeals are beins> filed seeking modification I variation of the orders of the satisfaction of the organisation.

Formulation of standards by ISI

1173. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Standards Institution has formulated 12,500 standards whereas meagre !200 products arac acftsally covered by the quality controls;

(b if so, what are tht reasons for this big gap;

fc) whether any complaint his been received about the undue, delay ijj certifying ISI marks for quality control; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in the mat'.er?

TH!.; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN { THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is due. to the fact that the KB (Certification Marks) Scheme is voluntary in nature and the Indian Standard Insfitu-i lion under the ISI Certification Marks Act, 1952 has no powers to force manufacturers to adop:, 1ST marking for their products on a compulsory basis. The number of products covered under ISI Compulsory Certification Marks Scheme is only 96 so far.

(C) and (d) No, Sir However ISI due to sustained efforts made, has been able to fix a time norm of 5 months for grnnt of a licence I,-, manufacturers for use of ISI Marking.

Memoranda from the association of synthetic fibre industry

1174. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Synthetic Fibre Industry, Bombay have submitted memoranda to him dated the 22nd lanuary.